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BEGONIA STARS ON BISCAYNE BAY/Time to sign in.

Romantic! Exotic! Tropical! The Miami Branch promises that the 53rd Annual American Begonia Society Convention and Show will be that and a whole lot more.

Hugh McLauchlan, President of the Scottish Begonia Society, will talk about "Begonias and the Scottish Begonia Society," one of the many events of the convention that will provide insight into the art of begonia growing.

Two days of seminars will also further the effort to provide more information about begonias under the capable direction of such speakers and leaders as Carrie Karegeannes, Pat Maley, Thelma O'Reilly, Joy Martin Logee, Millie and Ed Thompson, Wanda Macnair, James McArthur, Gene Joyner, and Mrs. Henry Bassing. Ralph Beaudry, naturalist for the city of Miami, promises to tell all how *not* to grow a begonia, too.

April is usually the best month for viewing begonias in southern Florida and the show promises to be a treat for all. As an enticement to entrants in the competition, the committee has arranged for hand-painted china trophies.

A convention is always a means to see old friends and make new ones, to see familiar sights and explore new paths, and to review and learn new things about *Begonia*.

A convention packet has been mailed to each ABS member. Peruse the contents carefully and plan to take part in all the events that interest you. If you did not receive one, you may write for it to Convention Chairman Charles Jaros